

**MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST  
NR-ELIGIBILITY REVIEW FORM**

Property Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Inventory Number: ~~CH-0069~~ CH-825

Address: 7725 Bell Alton - Newtown Road, Charles County - in the vicinity of La Plata

Owner: Potter, Thomas E and Stephanie D

Tax Parcel Number: 273 Tax Map Number: 44

Project MD 301 Agency State Highway Administration (SHA)

Site visit by SHA Staff: X no \_\_\_ yes Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Eligibility recommended \_\_\_ Eligibility **not** recommended X

Criteria \_\_\_ A \_\_\_ B \_\_\_ C \_\_\_ D Considerations: \_\_\_ A \_\_\_ B \_\_\_ C \_\_\_ D \_\_\_ E \_\_\_ F \_\_\_ G X None

Is property located within a historic district?: X no \_\_\_ yes Name of District: \_\_\_\_\_

Is district listed?: X no \_\_\_ yes

Documentation on the property/district is presented in: Project Review and Compliance Files

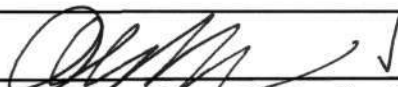
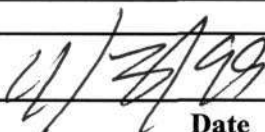
**Description of Property and Eligibility Determination** (Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map and photo)

7725 Bell Alton-Newton Road is a one-and-one-half-story, wood frame dwelling. The house has a steeply pitched, side gable roof with a steeply pitched, front gable projecting bay. A shed roof extension forms a two-bay porch. The porch is supported by simple wood posts set on square brick piers. The house is clad with horizontal siding and the roof is covered by asphalt shingles.

Towards the end of the first quarter of the 20th century, road improvements and developments also contributed to Charles County's community evolution. In particular, the Robert Crain Highway, later expanded as part of U.S. 301, attracted new development to older communities along its corridor. Crain Highway brought commercial development on La Plata's west side and contributed to the Charles County seat's overall growth in the 1920s and 1930s.

World War II and the increasing dependence upon motor vehicles played a very important role in La Plata's community development. Charles County continued its relative isolation from large-scale residential and commercial

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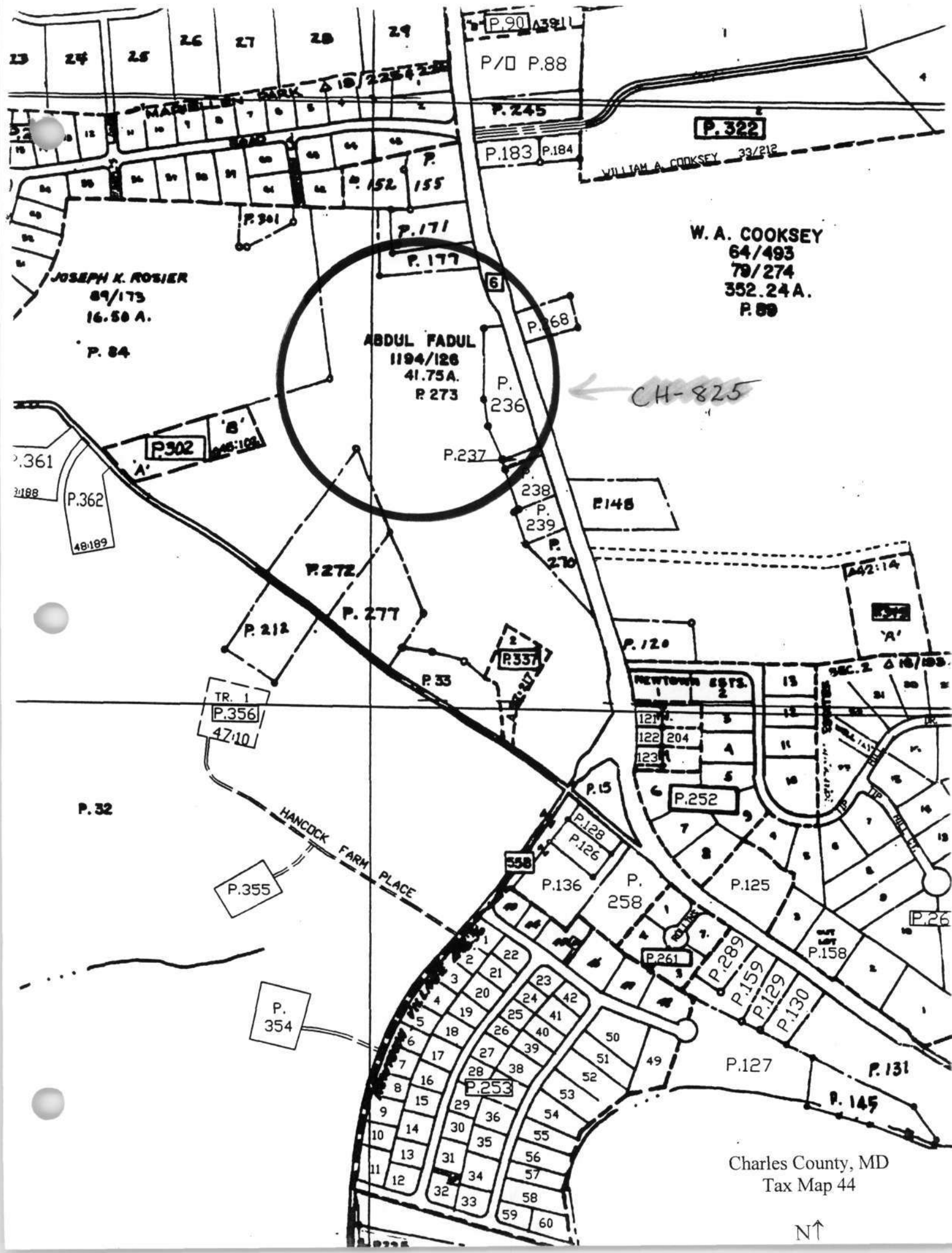
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development until after Crain Highway was dualized and designated U.S. 301 in the 1960s. Earlier trends in travel-related services and entertainment along the Crain Highway grew somewhat when the highway was extended across the Potomac River to Virginia through southern Charles County and over the new Harry W. Nice Bridge in 1940, thus completing a route from New York to Florida.

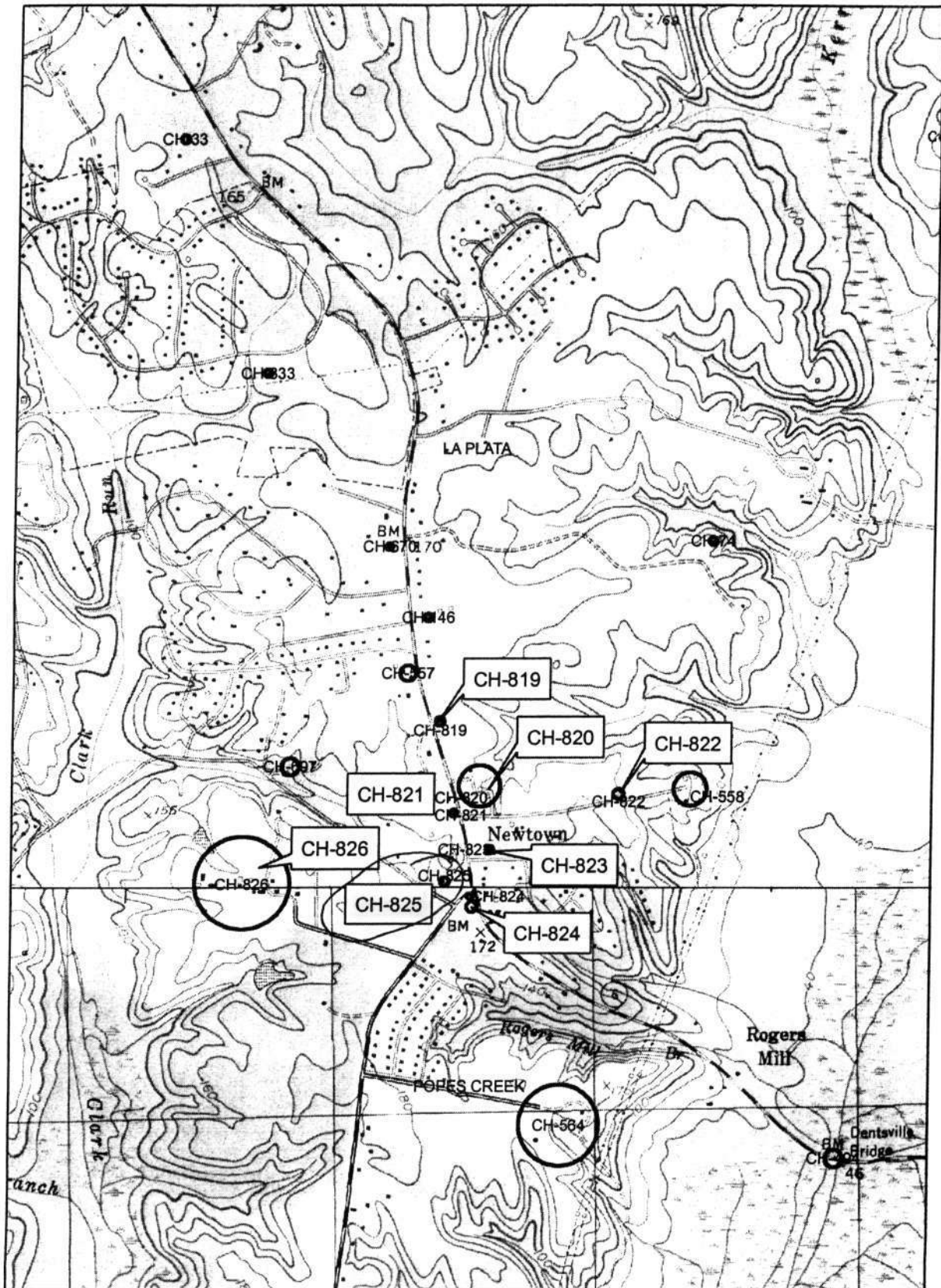
Built circa 1935, this altered Colonial Revival-style house is not eligible for the National Register. While it is typical of the residential development surrounding U.S. 301, this resource lacks significance related to events, persons, or architecture. Criterion D, information potential, was not assessed for this study.



Charles County, MD  
Tax Map 44



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La Plata Quad





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7725 Bell Alton-Newtown Road

Charles County, MD

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View looking Northeast

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